



# SUNSET MEMORIAL GARDENS AND CREMATORY

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**EXHIBIT 14**

Mr. Chairman and Members of the committee;

As a Montana Licensed Crematory Operator and partner in a Licensed Cemetery, I feel there is no need for a Board of Funeral Service in the state of Montana.

The Federal Trade Commission currently has rules in place to protect the public in regard to pricing and financial matters regarding funerals.

The Department of Occupational Safety and Health has rules in place to protect the employees of funeral service businesses.

The Montana Department of Health and Human Services has rules in place regarding care and handling of human remains as well as the filing and completion of Death Certificates.

Continuing education credits are given to individuals who attend dinners sponsored by various organizations with no educational programs.

Members of the Board have used their positions to harass, intimidate, and impede competition.

I believe the Board of Funeral Service provides NO protection to the public, is a burden to taxpayers, and is a waste of money.

Thank You,

Ellen Thompson

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